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1. The M.S. GDYNIA, a newly-completed vessel of the LEWANT class which sailed from Aarhus on 28 July 1953, ostensibly for Gdynia, was redirected while at sea by a wireless signal to Riga, where she was handed over to the Soviets. The Polish crew was signed off and repatriated. The ship has been re-named STAVROPOL (2,780 GRT, 1454 NRT) and has since been to Gdynia where she was seen to load a cargo of coal. She is now on her way to Piraeus, having passed the Kiel Canal on 21 August 1953.
2. On or about 18 August 1953 a new ship, name unknown, was observed undergoing trial off Gdansk (Danzig). She was flying the Polish flag, but had Soviet funnel badge and was believed to have a Soviet crew. Her description is as follows: between 5,000 and 6,000 GRT, funnel amidships, five holds, Samson posts instead of masts, and rather German in general appearance.

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